GENEALOGICAL NOTES ABOUT
THE DUNN FAMILY
of
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THE DUNNS OF SCOTLAND

The original home of the Dunns in Scotland is unknown. The name Dunn is very ancient and is scattered from Nairn in the North to Lower Galloway (Wigtonshire) in the South, but more numerous in Ayrshire than elsewhere.

The name is said to be derived from the Celtic or Gaelic word "Dun", meaning a fort or fortress. It was never a Celtic trick to name places for people, but family names were very often derived from places. The Celts built their round stone forts on hilltops, a few of these were vitrified, of which Dun Dornghil in Sutherlandshire is a fine example. Perhaps, after they ceased to be used as forts, a family occupied a dun as its home and in process of time acquired the sirname "Dun" which would have been about a century later than the English acquired their sirnames.

According to tradition, a Scottish King, who had been defeated in battle, fled alone into the wilderness and there was found and hidden by the Dunns, hence the family crest, consisting of a clenched hand holding a key with the motto "Mecum Habita", meaning dwell with me awhile.

THE DUNNS OF IRELAND

Probably the best test to apply in unravelling the early ancestry of the Dunns of Ireland is first to find out in which

province they lived and second to determine their religious faith. If a family of Dunns lived in the Province of Ulster prior to 1800 and its members were Presbyterians, the chances are about 100 to 1 that their ancestors came from the West of Scotland, probably from Ayreshire, and settled in Ulster after 1604. The so-called Scotch-Irish or Ulster Scots were largely colonized in the North of Ireland between 1604 and 1612. Then, some 60 to 75 years later, during the period of the "Covenant", called "The Killing Times", many Scots fled to northern Ireland. In short, the vast majority of the Dunns in the North of Ireland, unless they have been Catholics for more than three and a half centuries, are descended from the West of Scotland Scots, for the most part coming from Ayrshire and Galloway, now Wigtonshire and Kirkcudbrightshire.

The authentic history of the Dunn family of Petersburg, Virginia, begins in 1739 at Glenlough, Londonderry County, in the Province of Ulster, Ireland, with three Dunn brothers who were Presbyterians. Their names were James(1739-1824), John (b. 1740) and Andrew about whom we have no other record than his name.

1st Gen. - James Dunn (1739-1824) of Ireland

James Dunn of Glenlough, Londonderry County, Ireland was born in 1739, died in 1824 and married Margaret Davidson. Their five children were:

I. Robert Dunn (1764-1837) m. Ann Strawbridge of Bally Spallen farm. See separate section in Robert Dunn's name under 2nd Generation for the names of their ten children.

II. Catherine Dunn m. Mr. Long

III. Jane Dunn m. Mr. Long

IV. Martha Dunn d. 1844

V. Margaret Dunn m. Mr. Bond:-

1. General J. W. Bond, C.B.

1st Gen. - John Dunn (b. 1740) of Ireland

John Dunn of Aughalane House, Londonderry County, Ireland was born in 1740 and married Catherine Campbell. Their five children were:-

I. John Dunn went to America

II. William Dunn b. circa 1772 m. Mary MacFarlane:-

1. John Dunn
2. George Dunn
3. James Dunn
4. Jane Dunn
5. Isabelle Dunn
6. Robert Dunn m.Sara Brighan and had 12 children of whom Margaret Dunn (the 8th child) m. Dr. Alexander Cuthbert. Their children were Violet Cuthbert, Gerald Cuthbert and Alice Cuthbert.
7. William Dunn
8. David Dunn
9. Thomas Dunn

III. Catherine Dunn m. Mr. Henderson

IV. Margaret Dunn went to America

V. George Dunn

2nd Gen. - Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Ireland

Robert Dunn, son of James Dunn (1739-1824) of Glenlough and his wife Margaret Davidson, was born in 1764 and died in 1837. In 1789, he married Ann Strawbridge (1771-1843) daughter of Thomas Strawbridge (1731-1805) of Bally Spallen and his wife Mary Torrens (1746-1839). They made their home at Bally Spallen.

According to their grandson Dr. Richard McIlwaine. "Robert Dunn was a farmer and a land-owner, a man of intelligence and excellent standing, and a ruling elder in the Ballykelly Presbyterian Church." Their ten children were:-

I. James Dunn m. _____:
   1. James Dunn
   2. Catherine Dunn

II. Thomas Dunn emigrated to Petersburg, Va.; m. Martha Walthall. They had no children.

III. Robert Dunn emigrated to Petersburg, Va.; m. Mary Walthall. They had five children. See separate section in Robert Dunn's name under 3rd Generation for the names of their children.

IV. Mary Dunn m. 1st Mr. Porter and 2nd Mr. Watson

V. Margaret Dunn m. Mr. Moore

VI. Martha Dunn (1801-1888) m. Archibald Graham McIlwaine (1801-1878) of Petersburg, Va. See separate section in Martha Dunn's name under 3rd Generation for the names of their children.

VII. Ann Dunn died young.

VIII. John Dunn (1805-1841) emigrated to Petersburg, Va.; m. Mary Page Bragg. See separate section in John Dunn's name under 3rd Generation for the names of their children.

IX. Jane Dunn m. Mr. Turnbull.

X. Elizabeth Dunn m. Abraham Patton.

In 1853, Dr. Richard McIlwaine visited Ireland with his father Archibald Graham McIlwaine. While there, he went to the community where his mother Martha Dunn McIlwaine (1801-1888).

had been born and raised about which he wrote as follows: "Next we took the cars and went north some ten or twelve miles (from Londonderry) to the village of Ballykelly, not far from which lived several of my mother's relatives; a brother and sisters, two of them widowed and the other three wives of farmers; all of whom were Christian people of character and standing. We spent several days in this neighborhood with my Uncle James Dunn, including a Sabbath on which we attended service in the Ballykelly Church, which my mother attended in her youth and in which her father (Robert Dunn, 1764-1837) and afterwards her brother were ruling elders. The old minister in charge was the same one under whom she was brought up.

"One of the most interesting incidents connected with our sojourn here was a visit in company with my uncle to the cottage in which my precious mother was born, then vacant but in the possession of my uncle, who cultivated the land; now owned, enlarged, and occupied by his son James Dunn and the latter's sister Catherine. It is located on Lough Foyle and occupies a beautiful situation a few hundred yards from the macadam road in front."

THE DUNNS OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

Four of the children of Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Bally Spallen farm, County Derry, Ireland, emigrated to America and settled at Petersburg, Virginia. By names they were Thomas, Robert, Martha and John. Dr. Richard McIlwaine, who was a son of Martha Dunn, wrote that "Thomas was the eldest and emigrated

to America at an early period, was successful in business, married and had his residence at Oak Hill, north of the Appomattox River. Robert followed not long after and John, the youngest, at a considerably later period. They established a prosperous mercantile concern in Petersburg and were among its leading citizens. They were men of high character, active and attentive to business, won the confidence of the community, secured a large patronage in southern Virginia and North Carolina and accumulated ample estates.

"At that day, a large portion of the active and successful men of the place were natives of Scotland and Ireland, who did much to build up its business and to mould its social and civic character. If there is any town in America which excels Petersburg, as I knew it in my youth, in the geniality, hospitality, integrity, purity and good fellowship of its people, in civic righteousness and religious consecration and earnestness - it has not been my good fortune to know that place. Much of this is justly attributable to the character and the life of the men and women descended from the Father's and the Mother's of the Revolution, who perpetuated the virtues of their ancestors, but no little credit must be given to the men of Scotch and Irish birth, who, after the Revolution, became masters of industry, leaders in business enterprise and exemplars of uprightness.

"Thomas and Robert Dunn married sisters, Walthall by name, of Valley Farm, Chesterfield County, an estate which had been in the Walthall family since it was granted by royal patent.

Thomas died leaving no children and his wife soon followed him to the grave. Robert left a widow - my Aunt Mary Walthall, with four sons and one daughter.

"My Uncle John Dunn married Mary Page Bragg, daughter of Col. Joseph Bragg of Chesterfield County and later cashier of the Bank of Virginia in Petersburg. My only recollection of him is that once, as a child of five or six years of age, I was playing on the floor of his sick-chamber, when I saw my mother sitting by his bedside and noticed the tenderness of their affection for each other.

"My mother (Martha Dunn) came from her parential home about the year 1823 in company with her brother Thomas and his wife, who had been visiting his relatives in Ireland. She came expecting to return and spend her life in the land of her nativity: but 'tis not in man that walketh to direct his steps'. I can imagine the joy with which she received and returned the greetings and embraces of the brothers she so fervently loved and with what ease this Irish county maiden, with the radiant geniality and sweetness of her race, ingratiated herself into the affections of the circle to which she was introduced, and how she entered with grace and dignity into the congenial amusements and duties of the social life in which she found herself. It was at this time that my father (Archibald Graham McIlwaine) first met her, and that mutual attachment was formed which culminated in marriage in 1826, and lasted for more than fifty years of happy wedded life. If ever men have been entirely blessed in the choice of wives, as many doubtless have, surely

my father was one of them, for of all the women I have known in a long life and a wide circle of lovely friends, I have never met a human being who seemed to me to have approached nearer to the standard set by the Saviour of mankind in the injunction, 'Be ye, therefore, perfect, even as your father in heaven is perfect'.

"Next to my father and mother and brothers and sisters, the permanent and pleasant memories of my childhood and youth cluster around my Aunt Mary Walthall Dunn, my Aunt Page Bragg Dunn, my Uncle James McIlwaine, and their families. The two former were widows of my uncles, but they were as good and kind to me as if I had been of their own blood, and I have only the most tender and affectionate recollections of them. The last named was my father's youngest brother, who came to America much later than he. Uncle James McIlwaine was one of nature's noblemen, whole-souled, and beloved by all. A splendid specimen of physical manhood and richly endowed intellectually, he attained large success in mercantile life and no man of his day was more esteemed by all who knew him. He married my cousin Fannie Dunn (Frances Sue Dunn, daughter of Robert and Mary Walthall Dunn) with whom he lived happily until his lamented death in 1856, leaving a son and two daughters, the former of whom died in childhood."

3rd Gen. - Thomas Dunn (d. 1826) of Petersburg, Va.

Thomas Dunn, son of Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Bally Spallen, County Derry, Ireland and his wife Ann Strawbridge,

emigrated to Petersburg, Va., about 1810 and on February 3, 1817 married Martha Walthall, daughter of Archard Walthall 1750-1805) of Valley Farm, Chesterfield County, and his wife Frances Netherland. He died childless in 1826.

3rd Gen. - Robert Dunn (d. 1836) of Petersburg, Va.

Robert Dunn, son of Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Bally Spallen, County Derry, Ireland and his wife Anne Strawbridge, emigrated to Petersburg, Va. and on December 8, 1819 married Mary Walthall, daughter of Archard Walthall (1750-1805) of Valley Farm, Chesterfield County, and his wife Frances Netherland. He died in 1836. His widow inherited Valley Farm jointly with her sister Sally Walthall McIlwaine from their brother John Walthall. The children of Robert and Mary Walthall Dunn were:-

I. Thomas Dunn (d. 1866) m. Ella Spooner and had children.

II. Robert Dunn about whom the writer lacks information.

III. Frances Sue Dunn, b. August 30, 1826; m. May 29, 1844, James McIlwaine (6-26-1816: 12-25-1856) of Petersburg, son of Richard and Jane Graham McIlwaine of Londonderry, Ireland. Issue:-

1. John Thomas McIlwaine, b. Apr. 9, 1846, died in childhood.

2. Mary Finley McIlwaine, b. Aug. 30, 1848; m. William Seager Archer. Issue:
   (1) James McIlwaine Archer m. Elva Bell of Memphis.
   (2) Martha Elizabeth Archer m. John D. Blair of Richmond.
   (3) Peter Jefferson Archer m. Nina Randolph of Richmond.
   (4) Frances Walthall Archer m. Charles A. Brown, of Richmond

(5) Mary Finley Archer m. Beverley H. Randolph of Richmond.
(6) Sally Graham Archer, died in childhood.
(7) Essie Park Archer, unmarried.
(8) William Michaux Archer, unmarried.
(9) Leisa Bolling Archer m. Geo. R. Talcott.

3. Sally Walthall McIlwaine, b. Aug. 31, 1851; m. Apr. 7, 1870, William Roane Ruffin of Petersburg. They had five children.

IV. Archibald Walthall Dunn m. Susanna Essex Burton and had children among whom were Burton Dunn who married and had children and John Walthall Dunn of New Orleans who died unmarried.

V. William John Dunn about whom the writer lacks information.

3rd Gen. - Martha Dunn (1801-1888) of Petersburg, Va.

Martha Dunn, daughter of Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Bally Spallen, County Derry, Ireland and his wife Ann Strawbridge, was born on December 15, 1801 and died in Petersburg on October 4, 1888. On February 16, 1826, she married Archibald Graham McIlwaine (1801-1878) a native of Ireland and a son of Richard and Jane Orsham McIlwaine of the City of Londonderry. Their home is described by Edward A. Wyatt IV in Along Petersburg Streets in the following words: "The McIlwaine house, on the east side of South Market Street, opposite the intersection of Lawrence, is the oldest dwelling in this section and is distinguished by its fine interior ornamentations. It was the residence of Archibald Graham McIlwaine, a leading figure in the business and religious life of the city in the 19th century and ancestor of a number of people who have been conspicuous in the intellectual life of Virginia. Almost identical

brick residences which he built for two of his daughters, in the manner of the late Greek revival, stand on the opposite side of the street."

Archibald Graham McIlwaine came from Ireland to Petersburg in 1820 and was employed by the merchants Thomas and Robert Dunn, brothers of Martha Dunn whom Mr. McIlwaine married in 1826. The following excerpts about Mr. McIlwaine came from the May, 1878 issue of The Central Presbyterian: "His career as a business man was one of uninterrupted prosperity. From the position of an employee, he soon rose to that of a business partner, and then to that of the recognized head of the establishment with the management of all of its complicated business. His clear insight, admirable forethought, accurate judgment, and above all, sterling integrity and strict adherence to business principles, soon gave his house a reputation which made the name in all commercial circles a tower of strength, and enabled it to do the largest commercial business ever done in Petersburg. He was not simply a successful man of business. He was a public spirited citizen, whose time, influence and money were always ready for any enterprise connected with the commercial, social, or religious welfare of the community. He not only made largely, but he gave largely. Educational institutions, charitable foundations, boards of missions, Bible agencies, temperance associations, all found him a hearty and liberal supporter. His services as a Director of Union Theological Seminary for nearly forty years, and as a Trustee of Hampden Sidney College for more than thirty five years, together

with his repeated and generous contributions to the endowments of these institutions are enough of themselves to make his memory fragrant among us. With all the energy of his nature he threw himself in the work of his church. . . . For forty-four years, he was clerk of Session and for forty-two years, a teacher or Superintendent of the Sabbath School."

The descendants of Martha Dunn and her husband Archibald Graham McIlwaine were:

I. Jane Mary McIlwaine, b. November 15th, 1826, m. John Stevenson Vaughn, December 13, 1848; d. September 17th, 1906.

1. Martha Dunn Stevenson Vaughn, b. February 21, 1850; m. Benjamin Boisseau Vaughn, March 22, 1871 and d. November 5, 1906.

(1) Martha Dunn Stevenson Vaughn, b. January 22, 1872.
(2) Sarah Ellen Vaughan, b. February 7th, 1874; d. June 10, 1901.
(3) Janie McIlwaine Vaughn, b. November 17, 1875; m. Robert Hamilton Seabury, November 2, 1905.
(a) Hamilton Seabury, b. June 18, 1907.
(4) Eugenie Vaughn, b. July 18, 1878, d. February 22, 1880.
(5) John Stevenson Vaughn, b. October 10, 1879, d. June 25, 1880.
(6) Margaret Graham Vaughn, b. October 5th, 1885, d. April 6th, 1905.

II. Robert Dunn McIlwaine, b. January 13, 1828; m. Lucy Atkinson Pryor, January 17, 1849; d. February 21, 1875.

1. Lucy Ann Baird Mc Ilwaine, b. March 4th, 1850; d. February 19, 1861.

2. Martha Dunn McIlwaine, b. April 15, 1852; d. October 5, 1856.

3. William Baird McIlwaine, b. October 4th, 1854; m. 1st. Jane Maury Pegram who died November 17th, 1878.

(1) Richard Pegram McIlwaine, b. October 26, 1878; d. September 7, 1884.

m. 2nd wife Sarah Joseph Claiborne December 28, 1882;

(1) Joseph Alston Claiborne Mc Ilwaine, b. September 26th, 1883.
(2) William Baird McIlwaine, Jr., b. February 6, 1885.
(3) Lucy Atkinson McIlwaine, b. September 13, 1886.
(4) Anne Claiborne McIlwaine, b. September 11, 1889.
(5) Hibernia McIlwaine, b. April 2nd, 1891, d. August 25, 1892.
(6) Elizabeth Herbert McIlwaine, b. March 31, 1897; d. September 9, 1898.

4. Hibernia McIlwaine, b. November 14, 1856; m. John W. Friend, September 2nd, 1875:

(1) Robert McIlwaine Friend, b. August 26, 1876.
(2) Hibernia Friend, b. January 19, 1879.
(3) John W. Friend, Jr., July 22nd, 1882; m. Grace Irving Lunsford, April 6, 1904.
    (a) John W. Friend, Jr., b. July 21, 1905.
(4) Lucy Pryor Friend, b. January 22, 1884.
(5) Archibald Graham McIlwaine Friend b. January 12, 1887.

5. Archibald Graham McIlwaine, Jr., b. September 5, 1859; m. January 30, 1895 Elizabeth Laing -

(1) Archibald Graham McIlwaine, Jr., b. November 20, 1895.

m. second, Elsie Bliss Rose.

(1) Elsie Graham McIlwaine, b. January 27, 1907

6. Robert Dunn McIlwaine, b. March 4th, 1864; m. Mary Elizabeth Plummer April 4th, 1888; d. July 13th, 1905.

(1) Mary Plummer McIlwaine, b. July 7th, 1889.
(2) William Baird McIlwaine, b. March 9, 1892.
(3) Rebecca McIlwaine, b. July 7th, 1895.
(4) Lucy Atkinson Pryor McIlwaine, b. April 22, 1902.

7. Lucy Pryor McIlwaine, b. July 4th, 1867; m. Arthur Kyle Davis, November 12, 1890.

(1) Lucy McIlwaine Davis, b. October 28, 1891.
(2) Carolina Robinson Davis, b. August 27, 1894.
(3) Arthur Kyle Davis, Jr., b. September 20, 1897.

8. Martha Dunn McIlwaine, b. August 26, 1869; m. David Blackshear Hamilton Chaffe, February 20, 1889.

(1) Joe Bryan Chaffe, b. June 30, 1890.
(2) David Blackshear Hamilton Chaffe, b. May 2, 1892.
(3) Lucy Pryor Chaffe, b. July 1, 1896.

III. Ann Elizabeth McIlwaine, b. September 13, 1830; m. Robert Alston Martin, January 31, 1849.

1. Archibald Graham Martin, b. March 10, 1851, d. March 13, 1851.

2. Archibald Graham McIlwaine Martin b. June 16, 1852, m. Kate Booth, July 30, 1873.

(1) Robert Alston Martin, b. July 22, 1875.
(2) Kate Martin, b. September 16, 1878.
(3) James Dunn Martin, B. April 28, 1881, married Bena Johnson, June 18, 1907.
(4) Nannie McIlwaine Martin, b. September 16, 1883.
(5) Archibald Graham Martin, b. January 16, 1886.
(6) Isabelle Louise Martin, b. November 3, 1888.
(7) Mary Booth Martin, b. August 2, 1891.

3. Nannie Strawbridge Martin, b. August 13, 1854, m. Joseph D. Cooper, November 28, 1877.

(1) Joseph Henry Cooper, b. September 9, 1878, d. August 23, 1901.
(2) Ann McIlwaine Cooper, b. February 22nd, 1880.
(3) Rosina Deveroux Cooper, b. October 22, 1882, d. October 15th, 1883.
(4) Robert Martin Cooper, b. April 9, 1885.
(5) Powell Finley Cooper, b. December 18, 1888.

4. Bettie Macon Martin, b. February 10, 1856; m. James A. Kerr, November 13, 1888; d. October 3rd, 1901.

(1) James Kerr, b. October 25, 1890.
(2) Fannie Ellen Kerr, b. February 4th, 1893.

5. Martha Dunn Martin, b. June 28, 1858; d. October 13, 1897.

6. Jane Graham Martin, b. April 21, 1860; d. February 11, 1863.

7. Susan Gilmour Martin, b. August 1861; d. February 18, 1863.

8. Robert Alston Martin, b. January 14, 1864, m. Mary Stewart Buford November 7, 1906.

9. William Marrow Martin, b. May 11, 1869. m. Josie Lindley, January 25, 1873.

10. Mary Josephine Martin, b. May 11, 1869; d. December 5, 1871.

11. Nathaniel Macon Martin, b. September 1st, 1871, m. October 29th, 1908 Martha Ann Vaughan.

IV. Hibernia McIlwaine, b. February 2nd, 1832; d. February 17, 1841.

V. Richard McIlwaine, b. May 20th, 1834; m. Elizabeth Watkins Read, May 14, 1857.

(See separate section under Dr. Richard McIlwaine's name under 4th Generation for the names of their eight children.)

VI. Josephine O'Reilly McIlwaine, b. July 9, 1936; m. James Craig Riddle, December 8, 1858; d. December 15th, 1882.

1. Mary Morton Riddle; b. November 20th, 1859, m. Ferdinand Schwenck April 9th, 1884.

   (1) Otto Schwenck, b. March 9, 1886.
   (2) Josephine Schwenck, b. January 28, 1888.
   (3) James Craig Schwenck, b. December 27, 1890.
   (4) Marguetta Schwenck; b. September 29, 1893.
   (5) Mary Schwenck; b. March 1, 1896.

2. Martha Dunn Riddle, b. November 2, 1861.

3. Josephine Craig Riddle, b. January 22, 1864; d. February 17, 1891.

4. Jane Stevenson Riddle, b. April 17, 1868.

5. Archie McIlwaine Riddle; b. April 26, 1866, m. Helen Wilson May 15th, 1895; d. May 17, 1902.

(1) Jack Riddle, b. February 28, 1896.
(2) James Craig Riddle, b. October 23, 1898.
(3) Marjorie Riddle, b. January 28, 1901.

6. John Thornton Riddle, b. October 31, 1873, m. Nora McMullen, September 7, 1893; d. September 8, 1893.

(1) Mary Thornton Riddle, b. June 3, 1894.

7. Ann McIlwaine Riddle, b. November 16, 1875.

VII. Joseph Finley McIlwaine, b. February 12, 1838; m. Sara Embra Read December 1859; died January 16, 1897.

1. James McIlwaine, b. December 29, 1860; m. Nellie Griffith August 12, 1903.

(1) Joseph Finley McIlwaine, b. July 8, 1907.

2. Nannie Cabell McIlwaine, b. September 3, 1862; m. James Carr Moore, July 8th, 1886.

(1) Turner Wharton Moore, b. October 1, 1887.
(2) Nannie Cabell Moore, b. May 17, 1891.
(3) James Carr Moore, b. November 4, 1893.
(4) Sara McIlwaine Moore, b. September 17, 1896.

3. Henry Read McIlwaine, b. July 12, 1864.

4. Jane Graham McIlwaine, b. June 20, 1866; m. Hugh A. White October 21, 1891.

(1) Finley McIlwaine White, b. July 18, 1893; d. October 10, 1893.
(2) George William White, b. December 31, 1894.
(3) Sara Embra Read White, b. May 28, 1900.
(4) Hugh Augustus White, b. October 7, 1902; d. January 7, 1904.

5. Sara Embra McIlwaine, b. September 23, 1868; m. Harrington Waddell, August 31, 1906.

(1) Harrington Waddell, b. July 14, 1907.

6. Richard McIlwaine, b. November 12, 1870; m. Mrs. Mary Wilson Jordan Maury, December 2, 1902.

7. Mary Finley McIlwaine, b. June 4, 1875.

VIII. Martha Dunn McIlwaine, b. February 26, 1840; d. April 13, 1842.

IX. Margaret McIlwaine, b. October 12, 1842; d. December 20, 1842.

X. Archibald Graham McIlwaine, b. July 1, 1845; m. Frances Venable Spencer, October 15, 1867.

1. Mary Elizabeth McIlwaine, b. May 14, 1871.

2. James Spencer McIlwaine, b. June 11, 1878; m. Mary Du Pont Malone, October 15, 1902.

(1) Francis Spencer McIlwaine, b. April 26, 1905; d. February 10, 1907.

3rd Gen. - John Dunn (1805-1841 of Petersburg, Va.

John Dunn, son of Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Bally Spallen, County Derry, Ireland, and his wife Ann Strawbridge, was born on June 6, 1805 and died on August 5, 1841. He came from Ireland to Petersburg about 1820, was employed by his brothers Thomas and Robert Dunn and became a successful and respected merchant. He married Mary Page Bragg (1810-1879) daughter of Joseph Bragg of Petersburg and his wife Elizabeth Willson. Their home, which was razed in 1940, was built on a three acre tract of land on the southeast corner of Sycamore and Wythe

Streets. In Along Petersburg Streets, Edward A. Wyatt IV writes"It was a residence of rare architectual distinction, with numerous outbuildings, its disappearance being a matter of keen regret to those who deplore the rapid passing of the city's landmarks." The descendants of John and Mary Page Bragg Dunn:-

I. Joseph Bragg Dunn, b. February 18, 1829, d. November 8, 1891, unmarried.

II. Dr. James Dunn, b. May 7, 1831, d. January 19, 1885, M.D. unmarried.

III. Martha Catherine Dunn, b. July 8, 1834, d. April 4, 1860, unmarried.

IV. Mary Page Dunn, b. September 26, 1836, d. January 22, 1869, m. Joseph Thomas Mason:-

1. Joseph Thomas Mason
2. John Dunn Mason
3. Lucy Dunn Mason
4. Kate Dunn Mason
5. Page Mason
6. James Dunn Mason m. M. V. Leigh:

(1) Kate Dunn Mason
(2) Alice Mason
(3) J. S. Mason
(4) James Dunn Mason

V. John George Dunn, b. January 17, 1839; d. February 14, 1920; m. Eliza Phelan Willcox of Flower de Hundred.

(See separate section in John George Dunn's name under 4th Generation for the names of their children.)

VI. Lucy Frances Dunn, b. January 17, 1841; d. January 12, 1921; m. Robert Cryer Osborne:

1. Sarah Cabiness Osborne, unmarried.
2. Page Bragg Osborne m. George Bryan, no children.
3. Dr. Joseph Dunn Osborne, M.D., unmarried.
4. Mary Minturn Osborne m. Samuel Smith Bryan:
   (1) Frances Osborne Bryan

4th Gen. - Dr. Richard McIlwaine (1834-1913) of Hampden-Sidney

Dr. Richard McIlwaine, son of Martha Dunn (1801-1888) and her husband Archibald Graham McIlwaine of Petersburg, was born May 18, 1834 and died August 9, 1913. On May 14, 1857, he married Elizabeth Watkins Read (1833-1920), daughter of Clement Carrington Read of Farmville and his wife Anne Edmunds Watkins.

Dr. McIlwaine was a minister of the Presbyterian Church from 1858 until the day of his death. He gave himself to the service of the Southern Confederacy. He was a member of the Consitutional Convention of Virginia 1901-1902 and President of Hampden-Sidney College for 21 years. The Central Presbyterian, under date of July 27, 1904, commented as follows about Dr. McIlwaine: "The history of Hampden-Sidney makes a powerful appeal and a signal event in its history has just occurred - the retirement of the President, Dr. Richard McIlwaine, after twenty-one years of faithful toil. No man is more honored in Southside Virginia than Dr. McIlwaine. His career in the ministry, in the office of Secretary of Foreign Missions, in

the Constitutional Convention of Virginia, and in the Presidency of the College, has been such as is rarely attained by any man. He retires the first citizen of the whole of Southside Virginia." In the January 1905 issue of The Hampden-Sidney Magazine, Dr. George H. Denny, then President of Washington & Lee University and later President of University of Alabama, mentioned Dr. McIlwaine in these words: "When his native state was invaded and her territory became the seat of a fierce civil war, he volunteered his services for her defense, and followed her levies into camp to act as a solider. He was in these trying years an earnest patriot, a brave solider, loyal to Virginia and to the cause she espoused, proud of her traditions and devoted to every inch of her soil. . . One of the best tests of a minister's usefulness, if indeed not the best test, is found in the feeling of personal confidence which he inspires among his parishioners, and in the sentiment of mutual regard and affection which exists between him and his people. Judged by this test, Dr. McIlwaine's career in the ministry was phenominally successful. The writer lived for many years in the county of Amelia, which was the scene of Dr. McIlwaine's earliest ministerial labors; and it is only crude justice to say that the people of that county, regardless of creed or color, loved and honored him many years after he had left them for other fields of service. The same feeling exists to a notable degree in Farmville and in Lynchburg. I feel incompetent to estimate his exact ability as a preacher, though he is unquestionably entitled to high rank. He is a man whom the masses are always glad to hear; and, speaking personally, his

preaching has always appealed to me very strongly, though I am conscious that my profound admiration for the man may have contributed somewhat to this result. . . His splendid career as secretary of missions is familiar to all who have any intimate knowledge of the Southern Presbyterian Church. He served his church in its most important work with rare ability and success. His splendid executive gifts did much to organize this work and place it on the plane of efficiency that it has occupied through the years that have passed since he laid it down. . . . It is of Dr. McIlwaine as president of Hampden-Sidney College that you would desire me to speak; for in this office his wide public recognition and fame have been achieved. And here let me say that only those who have had experience in executive work of this character, and, in addition to this experience, have had intimate opportunity to know the great difficulties under which Dr. McIlwaine labored, can form a really just estimate of his great achievements in this important position. There has never been any question that he is a man of exceptional natural executive ability. This he had demonstrated as secretary of missions prior to his call to Hampden-Sidney. It was this executive ability, consecrated by the highest purpose, that led him to such abundant success, against great odds, as college president. The massive and intense personal force of his nature, coupled with uncompromising devotion to his work, must, of course, be mentioned as auxiliaries contributing to the success he achieved. To this should be added the moulding power of his constructive mind, and his

splendid courage. His devotion to Hampden-Sidney was tender and heroic; it reminded one of Daniel Webster's devotion to Dartmouth. It made the pulse beat quicker to hear him talk of his work; and his faith in it was enough to inspire any heart, however faint. No man has done more for Hampden-Sidney than President McIlwaine. . . It was a fitting tribute to his patriotism and civic usefulness that the people of Prince Edward County summoned him to represent them in the recent Constitutional Convention. It was an honor that his friends, scattered throughout the country, were glad to see him receive. Nor did it surprise them to find him a leader in that able body honored and respected by every member of it, and chairman of the important Committee on Education. His opinions had great weight with his colleagues, not merely on account of the great native force and ability of the man who expressed them, but more especially in view of the fact that all recognized in him a serious and patriotic desire to serve the State in her highest interests. His fine intelligence, his splendid industry, and his disinterested loyalty to our dignified Commonwealth largely determined the final form of a number of provisions in our present organic law. The main grounds on which he urged his views were (1) that the method he suggested was honest and right; (2) that it would do much to purify politics and elevate the electorate; (3) that it would furnish an incentive and inspiration to the young men of the Commonwealth. How characteristic of Dr. McIlwaine! These were the things that appealed most profoundly to him; the eternal justice, the

moral rectitude, and the uplifting influence of the action proposed."

The descendants of Dr. Richard McIlwaine and his wife Elizabeth Watkins Read:

I. Archibald Graham McIlwaine of Tyler, Texas, b. 1858, unmarried.

II. Clement Read McIlwaine of Knoxville, b. Jan. 19, 1860, d. May 20, 1906; m. Sept. 27, 1888 Henrie Augustine Whiting Lumsden.

1. Henry Whiting McIlwaine b. August 21, 1889 of Knoxville m. _____ and had a son.

2. Elizabeth Read McIlwaine, b. June 25, 1864 of Jackson, Miss. m. _____ and had children.

3. Dr. Richard McIlwaine, b. October 17, 1894 of Knoxville, m. _____ and had children.

4. Charles Read McIlwaine, b. October 1, 1896 of Jackson, Miss. m. _____, no children.

5. Archibald Graham McIlwaine, b. June 21, 1899 of Knoxville, unmarried.

III. Margaret Gwyn McIlwaine (1862-1863)

IV. Lizzie Read McIlwaine, b. June 25, 1864, unmarried.

V. Richard McIlwaine (1866-1867)

VI. Martha Dunn McIlwaine, b. Sept. 12, 1868; m. Dec. 9, 1896 Nathaniel Frazer of Richmond, Va.

1. Elizabeth Read Frazer, b. Oct. 8, 1897, m. Rev. Edward Lilly and had a daughter and two sons.

2. William Stevenson Frazer b. Oct. 26, 1898, of Richmond, unmarried.

3. Richard McIlwaine Frazer, b. July 19, 1900, of Richmond, m. Sue Gordon and had a daughter and two sons.

VII. Ann Read McIlwaine, b. March 5, 1871 m. June 4, 1901, her cousin Dr. William Willcox Dunn of Richmond.

1. Susie Peachy Poythress Willcox Dunn (1902-1903)

2. Richard McIlwaine Dunn, b. Aug. 7, 1904 of Richmond m. June 11, 1927, Maria Ashby Moncure.

(1) Richard McIlwaine Dunn, Jr. b. June 26, 1928; B.S. University of Virginia; 1st Lt. 8th Field Artillery Bn. Korean War, LLB University of Richmond, m. March 1, 1952 Christie Wilton Rice.
(2) Ashby Moncure Dunn of Richmond, b. April 5, 1938; Converse College.

3. William Willcox Dunn, Jr. (b. 1908) of Richmond.

VIII. John Stevenson McIlwaine, b. October 6, 1873 of Tyler, Texas, m. Helen Randolph Lea, no children.

4th Gen. - John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg, Va.

John George Dunn, son of John Dunn (1805-1841) of Petersburg and his wife Mary Page Bragg, was born January 17, 1839 and died February 14, 1920. He was a successful investment banker and married Eliza Phelan Willcox (1840-1917) daughter of John Poythress Willcox Of Flower de Hundred and his wife Mary Jane McGowan. They lived in the old Dunn home at the corner of Sycamore and Wythe Streets which he had inherited. Their descendants:-

I. Dr. John Dunn (1862-1934) of Richmond m. Nellie Porterfield.

1. John Dunn, Jr. (1898-1918), unmarried.

II. James Dunn (1864-1936) of Petersburg m. Mrs. Simonies, no children.

III. Mary Dunn m. Dr. Kirkland Ruffin of Norfolk

1. Kirkland Ruffin, Jr., of Charles City County m. _____ and had children.

2. Phelan Ruffin m. Bradon Vandeventer of Norfolk and had children.

3. Jane Ruffin m. Lawrence Tucker of Virginia Beach and had children.

4. Dr. Willcox Ruffin of Norfolk m. _____ and had a child.

IV. Rev. Joseph Bragg Dunn (1864-1949) m. Martha Southall

1. Emily Dunn of Richmond, unmarried.

2. J. Willcox Dunn of Virginia Beach m. Lelia Taylor and had children.

3. John Southall Dunn of Alexandria m. Mary Hunter Jones and had children.

4. Mary Dunn m. B. Clarke Wallace of Richmond and had children.

5. Martha Southall Dunn m. Robert Lyons of Detroit and had children.

V. Dr. William Willcox Dunn of Richmond, bornOctober 7, 1870, died June 18, 1952, married on June 4, 1901, Anne Read McIlwaine, daughter of Dr. Richard McIlwaine (1834-1913) and his wife Elizabeth Read:

1. Susan Peachy Poythress Willcox Dunn, died in infancy.

2. Richard McIlwaine Dunn of Richmond, b. August 7, 1904; m. on June 11, 1927 Maria Ashby Moncure daughter of James Ashby Moncure and his wife Maria Gray.

   (1) Richard McIlwaine Dunn, Jr., of Richmond, b. June 26, 1928; B.S. University of Virginia, LLB University of Richmond, 1st Lt. 8th Field Artillery Bn., Korean War, m. on March 1, 1952 Christie Wilton Rice daughter of Robert Coleman Rice and Christie Wilton.
   (2) Ashby Moncure Dunn of Richmond, b. April 5, 1938; Converse College.

3. William Willcox Dunn, Jr., of Richmond, b. July 10, 1908, unmarried.

VI. Thomas Lyteland Dunn (1879-1942) m. Lilah Carmichael, no children.

Other Irish Connections of John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg

Strawbridge Family:

John Strawbridge (1684-1768) of Bally Spallen farm located on Lough Foyle, near the village of Ballykelly in County Derry, Ireland, married Mary McCleary (1698-1747).

I. Thomas Strawbridge (1731-1805) of Bally Spallen m. Mary Torrens (1746-1829) of Mysoe.

1. Ann Strawbridge (1771-1843) m. Robert Dunn (1764-1837) of Glenlough, County Derry. They made their home at Balley Spallen. Robert Dunn was the grandfather of John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg, Va.

Phelan and McGowan Families:

John Phelan of Queens County, Ireland, married Mary Shugan of Cloucon's Castle, Kings County.

I. John Dennis Phelan (b. 1741) of Lalor, Queens County m. Mary Shiel Lalor

1. John Phelan (1769-1850) m. Priscilla Oakes nee Ford.

2. Eliza Phelan (b. 1771) m. Dennis McCarthy.

3. Margaret Phelan (b. 1774) m. William McGowan (1780-1842) born in the town of Dromohais, County Sligo, Ireland, emigrated to Petersburg, Virginia and became a merchant.

(1) Mary Jane McGowan (1817-1892) m. John Poythress Willcox (1805-1859) of Flower de Hundred, Prince George County, Va. Their daughter Eliza Phelan Willcox (1840-1917) m. John George Dunn (1839-1920)

of Petersburg.
(2) Margaret Phelan McGowan (1827-1888) m. James Duncan Scott.
(3) William McGowan, unmarried.

4. Joanna Phelan (1776-1781)

5. Patrick Phelan

6. Thomas Phelan

Virginia Connections of
John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg

Bragg Family:

William Bragg, born August 12, 1747, a native of Whitehaven, England emigrated to Chesterfield County, Virginia and married at Cedar Grove, Petersburg, on October 12, 1776, Lucy Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones and his wife Lucy Watson. They had issue Joseph Bragg, who was born May 28, 1784 and died November 2, 1859. Joseph Bragg lived in Petersburg, became a successful merchant, President of the Virginia Bank, and for twenty years was church warden of Bristol Parish and vestryman of St. Paul's Church. He married Elizabeth Willson, daughter of Daniel Willson of Amelia and his wife, Elizabeth Anderson, and had issued Mary Page Bragg who was born September 19, 1810 and died August 20, 1879. She married John Dunn (1805-1841) of Petersburg, Va. Their son was John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg. The old pair of flint-lock pistols, which show that they were made in Richmond in the years 1812 and 1813, were given to the writer by his father, Dr. William Willcox Dunn, who in turn had received them from his father, John George Dunn of Petersburg, who had received them from his mother Mary Page Bragg Dunn.

who had received them from her uncle, William Willson, who had killed two men with them. The portrait that formerly hung in the hall of the writer's father's home was that of Mary Page Bragg Dunn.

Jones Family:

Lucy Jones, daughter of Thomas and Lucy Jones, and wife of William Bragg (1747-1792) of Whitehaven, England and Chesterfield County, and great grandmother of John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg was a direct descendant of Peter Jones from whom the town of Petersburg derived its name. For a detailed account of the genealogy of Peter Jones, see Peter Jones and Richard Jones genealogies (1924) pages 9-34, Augusta B. Fothergil.

Willson Family:

Thomas Branch Willson (1736-1800) married Elizabeth Finney, daughter of Captain William Finney of Amelia, and had issue: Daniel Willson of Amelia, who married in 1788 Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of Francis Anderson of Amelia, and had issue Elizabeth Willson, who married Joseph Bragg (1784-1859) of Petersburg and had issue: Mary Page Bragg who married John Dunn (1805-1841) of Petersburg and had issue: John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg.

Willcox Family:

Major Willcox (1740-1798) of Charles City County was a Captain in the Revolution, a Commissioner for Charles City County, a planter and a merchant. He married Hannah Hamlin who died in 1800. Their children were:

I. Hamlin Willcox (1765-1837) m. 1st in 1795 Clarrissa Walker, 2nd in 1801 Susan Allen, 3rd in 1855 Mary W. Clopton.

1. Dr. Edward Willcox (1796-1875) of River Edge, Charles City, m. 1st in 1822 Jane Warren, 2nd in 1835 Mary Walker.

(1) Captain Thomas Wyatt Willcox of Charles City m. Martha Claiborne, had seven children.
(2) Virginia D. Willcox (1825-1897) m. Dr. William J. Upshaw (d. 1883) had five children.
(3) Edward Warren Willcox
(4) Richard Willcox
(5) James Westmore Willcox, unmarried

II. Mary C. Willcox m. William Harwood

1. Nancy B. Harwood

III. Major Willcox (d. 1812)

IV. Edward Willcox (d. 1796) unmarried

V. Littleberry Willcox moved to Halifax County, N. C. about 1800.

VI. John Vaughan Willcox (1779-1863) m. Susan Peachy Poythress (1785-1815) daughter of Joshua Poythress III (1750-1786) of Flower de Hundred and his wife Elizabeth Robertson.

1. John Poythress Willcox (1805-1857) of Flower de Hundred m. Mary Jane McGowan.

(1) William McGowan Willcox (1843-1882) m. Susan Ruffin, no children.
(2) John Vaughan Willcox, never married.
(3) Eliza Phelan Willcox (1840-1917) m. John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg. See John George Dunn section for descendants.
(4) Susan Peachy Poythress Willcox (1845-1914) unmarried.
(5) Robert Bolling Willcox (1847-1914) m. Dora Willcox and had six children.

2. Mary Edloe Willcox (1810-1868) m. John Thompson Brown of Petersburg

(1) John Willcox Brown
(2) John Thompson Brown
(3) Henry P. Brown

VII. Thomas Willcox

Poythress Family:

Captain Francis Poythress came to the Colony of Virginia before February 9, 1632 as agent for Lawrence Evans, merchant of London, England. He settled on a 750 acre tract of land on the south side of the James River near the mouth of Bayley's Creek, adjoining "Jordans" in what is now Prince George County. He was a member of the House of Burgesses from 1644 through 1649 and a commander of militia against the Indians. He died in 1651. He and his wife Mary had four children. Their son John Poythress (1640-1720) of Deep Bottom married Christian Peebles. They had seven children. Their son Joshua Poythress I (1690-1740) of Flower de Hundred had seven children. His son Joshua Poythress II (1720-1780) of Flower de Hundred married Mary Short of Surry and had six children. Their son Joshua Poythress III (1750-1786) of Flower de Hundred married Elizabeth Robertson, daughter of Archibald Robertson and his wife Elizabeth Fitzgerald. They had only one child, Susanna Peachy Poythress (1785-1815) who in 1804 married John Vaughan Willcox (1779-1863) of Petersburg. They had two children. Their son John Poythress Willcox (1805-1857) of Flower de Hundred married Mary Jane McGowan (1817-1892) daughter of William McGowan of Petersburg and his wife Margaret Phelan. They had five children. Their daughter Eliza Phelan Willcox (1840-1917) married John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg, Va.

Robertson Family:

William Robertson (b. 1680), merchant and bailie of Edinburgh, Scotland; married Christian Ferguson, and had issue:

Archibald Robertson, of Prince George County, Virginia; Immigrant, married in 1748 Elizabeth Fitzgerald, daughter of John Fitzgerald of Prince George County and his wife Elizabeth Poythress, and had issue:

I. William Robertson (1750-1829) of Richmond m. Elizabeth Bolling and had 13 children.

II. Archibald Robertson

III. John Robertson

IV. Christian Robertson m. Richard Eppes of Appomattox Manor.

V. Elizabeth Robertson m. in 1780 Joshua Poythress III (1750-1786) of Flower de Hundred and had one child:

1. Susanna Peachy Poythress (1785-1815) m. in 1804 John Vaughan Willcox (1779-1863) of Petersburg.

(1) John Poythress Willcox (1805-1857) of Flower de Hundred m. Mary Jane McGowan (1817-1892) Issue: Eliza Phelan Willcox (1840-1917) m. John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg.

THE WILLCOXES OF CHARLES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Tracing the Willcox family of Charles City County has been no easy task. Charles City County was formed in 1634. From 1634 to 1860, there are 90 years in which all county records are missing and some 200 years in which nearly all deeds and wills are missing. Prior to 1833, there are no parish records providing information about marriages, baptisms and deaths.

An examination of Land Patents and Grants fails to disclose any Willcox who patented or was granted land in Charles City County. In 1704 and 1705, an accurate official inventory of land ownerships in Virginia was prepared for Governor Nicholson. This inventory, known as "The Rent Roll of Virginia", listed by counties the name of each land owner and the number of acres owned. A careful search of "The Rent Roll of Virginia 1704-1705" failed to disclose so much as a single Willcox in any county in Virginia.

CAPTAIN JOHN WILLCOX, I

The first record of a Willcox in Charles City County is dated May 15, 1706 and pertains to Captain John Willcox, a mariner of Rotherhill, England, who from 1682 until 1716 sailed ships from England to the Colony of Virginia. He was master of "The Lyon" of Cork and "The Exeter" and was frequently at "Swinyards" which was in Charles City County, below Westover, on the James River. That he had a son named John Willcox is proven by a power of attorney given to Captain John Willcox,

mariner, by Benjamin Braine, merchant of London, England, which was witnessed by John Willcox, Jr. and dated February 2, 1714.

CAPTAIN JOHN WILLCOX, II

The next record of another Willcox in Charles City County is dated April 25, 1740. It pertains to still another Captain John Willcox who may well have been the son of the original Captain John Willcox. He also was a mariner sailing ships from England to the Colony of Virginia and trading in the upper district of the James River. There are many references to him in the Virginia Gazette starting with the year 1737 and ending in 1755. He was master of "The Rappahannock" of London and "The Restoration" and "The Sydenham." Although there is no proof, the writer hazards a guess that this Captain Willcox married a Miss Major of Charles City County and had a residence adjoining the Major family on Queen's Creek, not far from "Swineyards" where the original Captain John Willcox, and later the Captain John Willcox about whom we now write, often anchored and had their ships repaired and replenished and traded merchandise from England for hogsheads of Tobacco.

1st Gen. - Major Willcox (1740-1798)

The authentic history of the Willcox family of Charles City County commences with a deed dated September 5, 1769 in which Samuel Major conveyed to Major Willcox 50 acres of land in Charles City County adjoining land already owned by Major

Willcox. The land was on Queen's Creek, not far from "Swineyards". Major Willcox was a merchant, a captain of militia in 1779 and Commissioner for Charles City County 1780-1782. It is estimated that he was born about 1740. His estate was appraised on December 31, 1798. He married Hannah Hamlin who died in 1800. Their children were:

I. Hamlin Willcox (1765-1837) m. 1st Clarrisa Walker, 2nd Susan Allen. See separate section in Hamlin Willcox's name under 2nd Generation for the names of his descendants.

II. Mary C. Willcox m. William B. Harwood of Charles City County.
   1. Nancy B. Harwood.

III. Major Willcox, Jr. (d. 1812)

IV. Edward Willcox (d. 1796), unmarried.

V. Littleberry Willcox, moved to Halifax County, N. C. about 1800.

VI. John Vaughan Willcox (1779-1863) of Petersburg, Virginia, m. Susan Peachy Poythress of Flower de Hundred. See separate section in John Vaughan Willcox's name under 2nd Generation for the names of his descendants.

VII. Thomas Willcox.

2nd. Gen. - Hamlin Willcox(1765-1837)

Hamlin Willcox of "Belle Air", Charles City County, son of Major Willcox (1740-1798) and his wife Hannah Hamlin, was born June 11, 1765 and died July 31, 1837. According to tax records, in 1835 he owned 1,777 acres of land in Charles City County. On October 4, 1795, he married Clarrissa Walker who died

October 25, 1800. On December 31, 1801, he married Susanna Allen, daughter of Colonel James Shields of James City County and his wife Susanna Page. She died February 27, 1837. By his first wife he had:

I. Dr. Edward Willcox (1796-1875) of "River Edge", Charles City County m. 1st Jane Warren (1796-1832); 2nd Mary M. Walker (1805-1839); 3rd Mary W. Clopton. See separate section in Dr. Edward Willcox's name under 3rd Generation for the names of his descendants.

II. Hamlin Walker Willcox (1797-1803)

By his second wife he had:

III. Hamlin Shields Willcox (1802-1805)

IV. Colonel James Major Willcox (1804-1878) of "Buckland" m. 1st Mary A. S. Lamb (d. 1841); 2nd Virginia Christian. See separate section in Colonel James Major Willcox's name under 3rd Generation for the names of his descendants.

V. Thomas Hamlin Willcox (1806-1870) of "Belle Air", died in the Capitol disaster at Richmond. He was a good lawyer, a wise counsellor and a most useful citizen. He served as Commonwealth Attorney and represented Charles City County in the Legislature. On September 14, 1826, he married Ann R. Clark who died the 7th of July 1865. The writer has no record of any children.

VI. Mary C. Willcox (1810-1815)

VII. John V. Willcox (d. 1858)

2nd Gen. - John Vaughan Willcox (1779-1863)

John Vaughan Willcox of Charles City County and Petersburg,

son of Major Willcox (1740-1798) and his wife Hannah Hamlin, was born August 11, 1779 and died November 23, 1863. In early manhood he moved to Petersburg where he became a successful merchant, a large property owner and a very wealthy man. His home was the "Walnut Hill" plantation then on the outskirts of Petersburg, now a part of the city. In September, 1804, he married Susan Peachy Poythress (1785-1810) daughter of Joshua Poythress III (1750-1786) of Flower de Hundred and his wife Elizabeth Robertson. Their children were:

I. John Poythress Willcox (1805-1857) m. Mary Jane McGowan (1817-1892). See separate section in John Poythress Willcox's name under 3rd Generation for the names of their descendants.

II. Mary Edloe Willcox (1810-1868) m. John Thompson Brown of Petersburg, son of Captain Henry Brown of Bedford County and his wife Fanny Thompson. Their children were:

1. John Willcox Brown
2. John Thompson Brown
3. Henry P. Brown

3rd Gen. - Dr. Edward Willcox (1796-1875)

Dr. Edward Willcox of Charles City County, son of Hamlin Willcox (1765-1837) and his wife Clarrissa Walker, was born July 7, 1796 and died in 1875. He was a doctor of medicine, a member of the vestry of Westover Church 1839-1873, a man of high character and usefulness. His plantation, known as "River Edge", consisted of more than 800 acres and contained Willcox Wharf and store. His daughter, Mrs. Virginia Willcox Upshaw

(1825-1897), inherited the northern part on which the residence is located and lived there throughout her life. His son, Thomas Wyatt Willcox, inherited the southern part with the Wharf and store on it. Dr. Willcox married three times: 1st on May 27, 1822, Jane Warren daughter of Edward Warren and his wife Jane Christian. She died on November 7, 1832. He then married on May 27, 1835, Mary M. Walker who died on June 27, 1839. His third wife, whom he married on March 19, 1855, was Mary W. Clopton. His children by his first wife were:

I. Captain Thomas Wyatt Willcox of Charles City County m. Martha A. R. Claiborne. See separate section in Captain Thomas Wyatt Willcox's name under 4th Generation for their descendants.

II. Virginia D. Willcox was born September 25, 1825 and died October 24, 1897. On March 16, 1853, she married Dr. William J. Upshaw. Their home was at "River Edge", Charles City County. Their children were:

1. Jane Hatley Upshaw, b. April 15, 1854 m. Dr. Marshall Vest in 1878.
2. Ann Willcox Upshaw, b. January 20, 1856 m. William P. Knox in 1887.
3. Reginald Courtney Upshaw, b. January 7, 1858.
4. Louisa Baylor Upshaw, b. March 16, 1860, m. Hugh O. Mosher in 1886.
5. Mary H. Upshaw, b. October 1862 m. Ruben E. Knox in 1886 of "Perkley".

III. Edward Warren Willcox

IV. Richard Willcox

V. James Westmore Willcox, killed at the battle of Trevillion Station.

3rd Gen. - Colonel James Major Willcox (1804-1878)

Colonel James Major Willcox of "Buckland", Charles City County, son of Hamlin Willcox (1765-1837) and his wife Susanna Shields was born December 8, 1807 and died August 22, 1878. He was a useful and exemplary citizen, a vestryman of Westover Church 1843-1873, Charles City's representative in the House of Delegates 1857-1861 and the presiding justice of the county court except for the days of Reconstruction and held that office until it was abolished by the "Underwood Constitution". He married first on November 15, 1832, Mary A. S. Lamb, daughter of Dr. John F. Lamb, of Frankfort, Pennsylvania. She died April 29, 1841. He married second in 1843 Virginia Christian, daughter of Robert Walker Christian of Charles City County and his wife Elizabeth Irby. Children by his first wife were:

I. Susanna Page Willcox, unmarried.

II. Hamlin Willcox m.

1. Mary Lamb Hamlin Willcox

III. John Lamb Willcox who was shot down in the front yard of his home by negro troops during the Civil War.

Children by his second wife:

IV. Robert Walker Christian Willcox, a soldier in the 3rd Virginia Cavalry in the Civil War, later sheriff of Charles City County, unmarried.

V. James Major Willcox, Jr., died age 11.

VI. Elizabeth Sherrard Willcox m. November 14, 1872, William Withers Adams of Petersburg, Virginia.

1. William Withers Adams, Jr.
2. James Willcox Adams
3. Elizabeth Withers Adams

VII. Augustus Christian Willcox (d. 1921) m. Belle Poindexter.

1. Sherrard Warren Willcox m. James J. Pollard of Richmond.
2. Augustus Christian Willcox, Jr., of Richmond, unmarried.

VIII. Edward Pearce Willcox, unmarried.

IX. Philip St. George Willcox (d. 1931). Represented Charles City County in House of Delegates. Later was Commonwealth Attorney for Warwick County. Unmarried.

X. Lee Wilcox who lived only 8 years.

3rd Gen. - John Poythress Willcox (1805-1857)

John Poythress Willcox of "Flower de Hundred", Prince George County, son of John Vaughan Willcox (1779-1863) and his wife Susan Peachy Poythress (1785-1815), was born October 3, 1805 and died March 24, 1857. He married Mary Jane McGowan (1817-1892), daughter of William McGowan of Petersburg and his wife Margaret Phelan. Their children were:

I. William McGowan Willcox (1843-1882), fought in the Civil War; m. Susan Ruffin (1846-1931). No children.

II. John Vaughan Willcox; killed in a hunting accident; unmarried.

III. Eliza Phelan Willcox (1840-1917) m. John George Dunn (1839-1920) of Petersburg. For the names of their descendants, see section on John George Dunn (1839-1920) on pages 24, 25 and 26.

IV. Robert Bolling Willcox (1847-1914) of "Flower de Hundred" fought in the Civil War and represented Prince George County in the Legislature. He married Dora Dodson of Petersburg. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth M. Willcox (1872-1947), unmarried.

2. Robert Bolling Willcox, Jr. (1879-1935) attorney at law, of Petersburg, m. Lucy Landon Harrison:-
   (1) Robert Bolling Willcox III (b. 1916) m. Sara Mae Vivarette:
      (a) Sara Lawrence Willcox (b. 1915)
   (2) James Harrison Willcox (b. 1917) m. Mary Shirley Saunders.
   (3) Elizabeth Mason Willcox (b. 1920)m. Robert Blackwell Jordan of Petersburg.
      (a) Katherine Lash Jordan (b. 1947)
   (4) Donald Skipwith Willcox (b. 1922) of Richmond, Va., m. Jacquelin Lee Holmes.
   (5) Lucy Landon Willcox (b. 1924) m. James Morris Woody of Richmond, Virginia.
      (a) Landon Harrison Woody (b. 1951)
      (b) James Morris Woody (b. 1954)

3. Dennis Hamilton Willcox (1885-1921), no children.

4. Lalor Romaine Willcox (1881-1915) m. Sally _____
   (1) Susie Willcox m. Richard Hallberg of Fredericksburg.
   (2) Sara Willcox m. John Comer of Fredericksburg.

5. Dr. Daniel Dodson Willcox m. Blanche Smith. No children.

6. John Vaughan Willcox, unmarried.

4th Gen. - Thomas Wyatt Willcox

Thomas Wyatt Willcox of "Belle Aire", Charles City County, son of Dr. Edward Willcox (1796-1875) of "River Edge" and his wife Jane Warren, was baptised in 1833, became a Captain in the Confederate Army and was a vestryman and a warden of Westover Church. On November 17, 1858, he married Martha A. R. Claiborne, daughter of Dr. William Sterling Claiborne of Amherst and his wife Cornelia Roane. Their children were:

I. Thomas Hamlin Willcox of Norfolk was born October 4, 1859 and died February 2, 1926. On September 12, 1884, he married Mary Cary Ambler.

   1. Mary Willcox, b. September 8, 1885, m. on July 2, 1912,

Worrell Reed Carter -

(1) Worrell Reed Carter, Jr., b. May 10, 1913, m. Margaret Kerr MacKethnie.
   (a) Worrell Reed Carter III, b. 1938
   (b) Cary Ambler Carter, b. 1944
   (c) James Currie MacKethnie, b. 1948
(2) Thomas Hamlin Willcox Carter, b. November 24, 1914, m. Gertrude Marjorie Hunter on July 13, 1946.
   (a) Charles Randolph Carter, b. 1947
   (b) Henry Hamilton Carter, b. 1946
   (c) Thomas Willcox Carter, b. 1951
(3) Mary Cary Carter b. 1928 m. Edward S. Carver on June 6, 1949.
   (a) Cary W. Carver, b. 1950
   (b) Jane Stuart Carver, b. 1952
   (c) Mary Willcox Carver, b. 1953

2. Thomas Hamlin Willcox, Jr., attorney at law, of Norfolk, b. November 28, 1887 m. Elizabeth Blount Winslow on June 2, 1920.

(1) Elizabeth Winslow Willcox m. John C. Crawford on October 12, 1946.
   (a) Elizabeth Blount Crawford, b. 1947
   (b) Nancy Robertson Crawford, b. 1949
   (c) Katherine Willcox Crawford, b. 1951
   (d) John Winslow Crawford, b. 1954

(2) Thomas Hamlin Willcox III, b. August 20, 1925, attorney at law, Norfolk, Virginia, m. Elizabeth Ferguson in 1949.
   (a) Ellen O'Keefe Willcox, b. 1951
   (b) Thomas Hamlin Willcox IV, b. 1953

(3) Katherine Tudor Willcox, b. November 21, 1929

3. Claiborne Willcox, b. April 11, 1890; d. December 30, 1945; m. 1st Eleane Ardell Mark in 1917 and 2nd Ada Mac Collum in 1938:

(1) Mary Cary Willcox, b. 1918 m. Thomas Morgan Johnston
   (a) Mary Cary Johnston, b. 1941
   (b) Thomas Morgan Johnston, Jr. b. 1942
   (c) John Ardell Johnston, b. 1943

(2) Claiborne Willcox, Jr., b. 1942

(3) Thomas Wyatt Willcox, b. 1947

4. Cary Ambler Willcox, b. April 12, 1891; d. June 20, 1954; m. Mary Grey Taliaferro in 1917.

(1) Mary Grey Willcox, b. 1918, m. Ralph B. Fuda
  (a) Cary Willcox Fuda, b. 1944
  (b) Mary Bowen Fuda, b. 1948

(2) Martha Claiborne Willcox, b. 1921, m. Thomas R. Jones, Jr.
  (a) Ann Claiborne Jones, b. 1949
  (b) Thomas R. Jones III, b. 1951

(3) Cary Ambler Willcox, Jr., b. 1923 m. Virginia Lee Willcox
  (a) Linda Lee Willcox, b. 1952
  (b) Cary Ambler Willcox III b. 1959

5. Edward Roane Willcox, b. April 9, 1893, d. March 8, 1947, attorney at law of Norfolk m. Rosalie Tilghman.

(1) Harriett Gayle Willcox, b. 1924 m. David F. Gearhart
  (a) Sarah Tilghman Gearhart

6. Charles Sharp Willcox, b. December 23, 1896, d. April 1934, m. Virginia Stevens Cassell.

(1) Charles Sharp Willcox, b. 1921, m. Jo Ann Anderson
  (a) Charles Sharp Willcox, b. 1948;
  (b) Jo Ann Willcox, b. 1950

(2) Norman Cassell Willcox, b. 1925

(3) Virginia Stevens Willcox, b. 1927, m. Daniel L. Bailey.
  (a) Daniel L. Bailey, Jr., b. 1951;
  (b) Willcox Bailey, b. 1952

II. Nina Claiborne Willcox, b. October 18, 1862, d. July 1929, m. Thomas William Hewitt in 1904. No children.

III. James Westmore Willcox, b. January 11, 1866, d. June 24, 1939 m. Louise Collier on June 25, 1890.

1. Christine Willcox m. Mario Capelli, no children.

2. James Westmore Willcox, Jr., m. Esther Jenkins

(1) Westmore Claiborne Willcox, b. April 13, 1919. Killed in action June 6, 1944.

(2) Esther McKenzie Willcox, b. November 9, 1921, m. Reginald L. Auchonloss on June 28, 1943.
(a) Eva La Gauge Auchonloss, b. August 27, 1945;
(b) Sandra Auchonloss, b. August 12, 1947.

IV. William Claiborne Willcox (1867-1919) m. Roberta Mitchell, no children.

V. Edward Willcox (1870-1925) m. Mabel Smith, no children.

VI. Virginia D. Willcox (b. 1873) m. T. Gordon Strachan, no children.

VII. Junius Roane Willcox, b. April 4, 1875, d. October 26, 1942, m. Elizabeth Walke Tunstall on November 1, 1905.

1. Elizabeth Walke Willcox, m. Harold G. Bowerfried.

(1) Harold G. Bowerfried, b. 1947.

(2) Elizabeth Walke Bowerfried, b. 1948.

(3) Ann McIntosh Bowerfried, b. 1951.

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ORIGIN OF THE M'ILWAINES

From a Book of Heraldry

Colla Uas, the grandson of King Carbry by his son Archy Doimhlen, Monarch of Erin. Archy Doimhlen had three sons by Alechia, the daughter of Updar, of Albanian extraction, viz:- King Colla Uas, Colla Mean, and Colla Dacrioch, whose three names were Carall, Aid and Muredach. The offspring of the three brothers were very numerous in Ulster and Scotland. Mughdorne, now the Barony of Mourne, in the County Down, belonged to the posterity of Colla-Maine. Colla-Maine had a son, and he was called Mac-of Colla-Maine, (in the Irish language "Mac" is son). The M' Ilwaines (in the English) are to this day called Clan Ee Col-waine, pointing out that they came from the brother called Aid Meann in the language of the country. A branch of the family of M'Ilwaines lived in the Townland of Ardsmore as far back as three hundred years ago, and there are six of their posterity still in that place, and seven in Ardsbeag.******* King Muredach-Tirg, being advanced from the crown of Connaught to the Monarchy, drove King Colla-Uas, with his two brothers and thirty nobles, into British

Albany, in the year 331, consequently a great number of the M'Ilwaines are Presbyterians.

The ancestors of the M'Ilwaines now living in the Neighborhood of Derry came over from Scotland during the Persecution in the Country, and some of them were in the City of Derry during the Siege.

Statement made by Mrs. Jane Graham McIlwaine White, and taken from various Record sources and among the papers of her brother the late Dr. H. R. McIlwaine.

The following is taken from the "History of the Counties of Ayr and Wigton" by James Paterson, and from the Memorials of the Right Reverend Charles McIlwaine, Late Bishop of Ohio, by Rev. William Garns, London. Alan McIlvaine (McIlwaine) married in Ayrshire about 1510, a Kennedy, niece of the Earl of Cassilas. The McIlwaines had evidently come from the Highlands to Ayr but a short time before, as there is only one previous reference to them in that locality. Pitcairn in his history of the Kennedy family mentions the young Laird of Attiquin, Alan McIlwaine, in 1512. The original name in Scotland was Mac Beth "son of the living one." And they were a sept of the powerful clan Chattin. The name was changed in various ways, that of the head of the family in Scotland now being Mac Bean. The Coat of Arms

registered in the office of the Lyon King of Arms, Edinburg about 1673, but borne much earlier, is: Gules, two covered cups or, in chief, a Star Argent. The emblem of the clan was a sprig of boxwood, signifying "Live Forever." In the early part of the 16th century, the McIlwaines, powerful and influential, were large landed proprieters. Their estates extended for many miles along the Doon. The ancient castle of Thomaston, beautifully situated within sight of the Firth of Clyde, was acquired by the McIlwaine family by marriage. In the "History of the Kennedys" by Robert Pitcairn, Edinburg, he frequently mentions the Makilvenes, as Lords of "Grymet," their fortunes being closely united with those of the Kennedys! There were several intermarriages with this family--and the McIlwaines have their descent through maternal lines from the Bruce and the royal Stuarts, as well as from the Maxwells and Montgomeries."

In the description of Carrick in Aryshire, written by Sir James Balfour, is a list of "the most ancient gentry, now possessors thereof, as Mackilvands, of the House of Grimmat." Alan McIlwaine, the Laird of Attiquin's, son, was Gilbert, then on down--

Sir Patrick McIlwain of Grimett.
John McIlwain of Grimett.
John 2nd. McIlwain of Grimett.
Joseph McIlwain of Grimett.

At this time, 1669, the property of the McIlwaines passed from the family as a result of their being Covenanters. Religious persecution forced them to take refuge in the North of Ireland, making their home by the shores of Loughneagh in Ulster. Until 1692 their names are to be found on the records of the Old Kirk as members of the Session. Their names appear on almost all of the documents signed by the gentry and known as the "Solemn League and Covenant."

It is here that some of the papers or records seem to have been lost because I cannot find when Grandpa's Ancestor, Joseph, came to Derry. Somewhere in Brother Henry's papers he says that they "came to Derry in 1650, or thereabouts," and that there was a James McIlwaine in the Siege of Londonderry. According to Uncle Richard McIlwaine his name is written on the wall of Londonderry, it having been inscribed there for some deed of valor, but this is legendary, as I Can't find anything about it in Brother Henry's papers. Joseph McIlwaine is the first one we have any record of in Derry. His estate is Lesfannen, which came to his son John and then became the property of the Orrs, a daughter having married an Orr. Uncle Richard tells in his book "Memories of Three Score Years and Ten" of his visit to their estate where Grandpa McIlwaine's first cousin, William Orr, was living, and speaks of them as being people of wealth and culture. The will of John McIlwaine, a copy of which I am

enclosing with this, shows him to have had a large estate. The bulk of his property he left to his only son William, who moved into Londonderry. William's son was Richard, and he was the father of grandpa McIlwaine, Archibald Graham McIlwaine. I am enclosing also with this the marriage contract of Grandpa's father and mother, Richard McIlwaine and Jane Mary Graham, daughter of Archibald Graham and Elizabeth Finley of Farmanagh. Elizabeth Finley's father was Sir Joseph Finley and mother Lady Mary Finley (nee Hendersoh.) Jane Graham McIlwaine's brother was Col. Robert Graham of Drumgoon, who commanded an English regiment at the battle of Waterloo. And it was his son, Capt. Edward Graham of the Artillery who won great praise for his bravery at the Siege of Petersburg during the Civil War. Grandpa's mother inherited a fortune from her Graham kin, forty thousand pounds (two hundred thousand dollars), after her husband's death when she went back with her children to Fermanagn to live with her mother's people. Uncle Richard tells in his book of his several visits in her lovely home. And Uncle Archie went over with his father when a young boy, and became so in love with Ireland and his people there that he stayed two years until his father came again on a visit. Among brother Henry's papers there are many copies of wills and deeds and descriptions of homes in Scotland and Ireland which were collected for him by genealogists, but I am

enclosing only two which I think the most interesting. I have beautiful miniatures of Sir Joseph Finley and Col. Robert Graham, copies of the originals owned by Mary Finley McIlwaine Glasgow, and Martha Dunn McIlwaine Frazer--Martha Frazer has the Graham silver service and two beautiful silver loving cups with the coat of arms on them, a Sheaf of Wheat.

My brother Richard has our great-grandfather, Richard McIlwaine's watch fob with his coat of arms and seal on it. I think Jenie Vaughan Seabury inherited Lady Mary Finley's watch. She was named for Aunt Jennie Stevenson, her grandmother, who was named Jane Mary for her grandmother McIlwaine, who was in turn named for her grandmother, Lady Mary Finley .